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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2006, the deadline for response thereto being September 21, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.